WX-REF Criteria for Use

Overview

A Wx-REF will typically begin when the Weatherization Agency identifies a WHEAPeligible client with a heating system problem for which use of Weatherization funds is not allowable. View these situations as Wx jobs accessing an alternative source of funds to address the heating system problem. Under certain circumstances, these furnace funds are available when Weatherization funds cannot be used.

When can Wx-REF funds be used?

- These funds are only available for units audited on or after July 1, 2012.
- Older audits shall proceed following the direction of the prior contract year's manual.

Requirements

- The client MUST have current WHEAP eligibility.
- If a rental property, the client must also meet HE+ Furnace Program requirements (below).
- Weatherization Manual criteria are used to make the decision that heating system work is necessary.

Rental unit requirements

Only 2-4 unit rental properties may qualify. Must meet the following criteria:

- Owner resides in the building, and
- Both tenant in unit of furnace to be repaired/replaced and the owner of the building have current WHEAP eligibility. (The owner is not required to reside in the unit needing furnace repair or replacement.)
- Problem heating system must be associated with eligible client's dwelling unit (owner or tenant).

When requirements are met, Wx-REF may be used for:

- A Wx Deferral (with or without a completed electronic energy audit).
- A Wx job for which modeling in electronic audit results in an SIR < 1.
- A Wx No Treatment or Deferral (could be Limited Wx formerly "Baseload" Wx Job) with a no- heat/unsafe furnace problem that must be addressed.